

**TAIWAN CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

2010 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Rebecca D. Lockhart**

Senate Sponsor: Peter C. Knudson

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This concurrent resolution of the Legislature and the Governor reaffirms their friendship with the people of Taiwan and urges the Obama Administration to support Taiwan's meaningful participation in United Nations specialized agencies, programs, and conventions.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This resolution:

- ▶ reaffirms the Legislature's and Governor's friendship with the people of Taiwan and urges the Obama Administration to support Taiwan's meaningful participation in United Nations specialized agencies, programs, and conventions; and
- ▶ expresses support for a strong and deepening relationship between Utah and Taiwan.

**Special Clauses:**

None

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*Be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Utah, the Governor concurring therein:*

WHEREAS, July 23, 2010, will mark the 30th anniversary of a sister state relationship between Utah and Taiwan;

WHEREAS, for the past 30 years, four sister county and sister city relationships with Taiwan have also been strengthened, resulting in better mutual understanding of the economic, social, and cultural heritages of Utah and Taiwan;

WHEREAS, in 2008, Taiwan was Utah's third largest export market;

WHEREAS, Utah exports to Taiwan have reached \$727,000,000, an increase of over 244% since 2007;

WHEREAS, Utah companies still have substantial opportunities to expand their businesses and cooperation with Taiwan;

WHEREAS, Utah has already attracted investment from several Taiwanese companies, and there is significant potential for Taiwanese enterprises to further boost investment and create jobs in Utah;

WHEREAS, in May 2009, the World Health Organization invited Taiwan to attend the 62nd World Health Assembly as an observer;

WHEREAS, this development raises the possibility for Taiwan to be meaningfully involved in other United Nations specialized agencies, programs, and conventions;

WHEREAS, Taiwan is a key air transport hub in the Asia-Pacific region, with approximately 2,600 weekly flights to and from neighboring countries;

WHEREAS, the Taipei Flight Information Region under Taiwan's jurisdiction currently serves 12 international and four domestic routes and has 1,350,000 controlled flights passing through every year;

WHEREAS, the 2008 statistics from Airports Council International ranked Taiwan's Taoyuan International Airport as the world's 11th largest airport by international cargo volume, and 19th in terms of international passengers services; and

WHEREAS, given Taiwan's prominent role in regional air control and transport services, it would be beneficial for Taiwan to have meaningful participation in the International Civil Aviation Organization, in order to safeguard the traveling of passengers from home and abroad:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the Governor concurring therein, reaffirm their friendship with the people of Taiwan and urge the Obama Administration to support Taiwan's meaningful participation in United Nations specialized agencies, programs, and conventions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor express support

58 for a strong and deepening relationship between Utah and Taiwan.

59 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to the President of  
60 the United States and to the government of Taiwan.